

Dr. Prasad explained the latest position. The Chairman suggested that the Director of Archives, Government of India, might prepare a list of the Reports that had started coming to the National Archives of India and might continue efforts to acquire the remaining reports also.

Resolution XVI, regarding depositing by the universities of copies of the theses for Ph.D. Degrees at the National Archives of India, then came up for discussion. The various methods which could be adopted by the Universities to implement the resolution without putting a further burden on research scholars in submitting more copies of their theses, were discussed. Dr. Prasad expressed the view that better results would follow if the members of the Indian Historical Records Commission could persuade the more important universities to cooperate in the matter as far as possible. This was agreed to.

5. Resolutions by Members

1. Transfer of records of Viceroy and Governors to the National Archives of India and State Archives Offices

Resolution by Dr. H. L. Gupta

Resolved that, as a preliminary step to the making of Viceregal records and the records of the Governors upto 1947 available for historical research, the former be placed in the National Archives of India and the latter in the Central Record Offices of the States concerned.

Secretary's Note

As regards the Central Government, most of the Secretariat Departments which were in existence prior to Transfer of Power

have transferred their records upto 1947 to the National Archives of India. The records of the Viceroy's Secretariat have not, however, been retired to the National Archives of India.

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As a result of the detailed discussion which followed about the nature and whereabouts of these series, the resolution was withdrawn by Dr. Gupta. The Chairman, however, suggested that the Director of Archives, Government of India, and the State Directors of Archives, might try to find out the position regarding the records in the Rashtrapati Bhawan and Raj Bhawans.

(2)(a) Weeding of records in the Central and State Archives by trained Archivists

Resolution by Dr. H. L. Gupta

In the interest of completeness of official records of historical value, it is resolved that (i) the weeding of records at the various sources by untrained persons be stopped; and (ii) the weeding may either be done in the various Departments with the help of trained Archivists or in the Central and State Archives where the records are to be placed ultimately.

Secretary's Note

In this connection, it may be noted that the weeding Sub-Committee of the Local Records Sub-Committee (1958) and the Committee on Archival Legislation (1960) have recommended that the work of appraisal should be entrusted to "specially qualified Departmental Record Officers". (Para 39 of Report).